

## In the Claims:

A compound or variant thereof having lymphocyte immunomodulating activity, wherein said compound comprises N-terminal acylated and/or C-terminal amidated or esterified forms, wherein said compound further comprises from at least 12 up to 60 amino acids wherein said compound comprises the formula:

α-β wherein:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the same or different and are of the formula:  $\{R \text{ aa}^{76-77} L\} (aa^{79-84})$ (a) (SEQ ID NO:1) Oſ  $(aa^{84-79})$  {L  $aa^{77-76}$  R} (SEQ ID NO:2) (b) wherein: aa<sup>76</sup> is E or V: aa<sup>77</sup> is D, S or N; aa79 is R or G: aa<sup>80</sup> is I or N aa<sup>81</sup> is a hydrophobic or small amino acid; aa<sup>82</sup> is R or L

aa<sup>84</sup> is a hydrophobic or small amino acid;

the sequence in the brackets may optionally be absent or truncated at any bond within the brackets.

aa<sup>83</sup> is G or R

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